

2 Check it

Correct the sentences.

I'm working

- 1 ~~I work~~ / hard at the moment because I have exams next week.
- 2 It's really cold lately, so I've bought a new winter coat.
- 3 Manchester United play really well at the moment. Their new player has real talent.
- 4 I've heard you are passing all your exams. Congratulations!
- 5 I was doing my homework when my friend was calling.

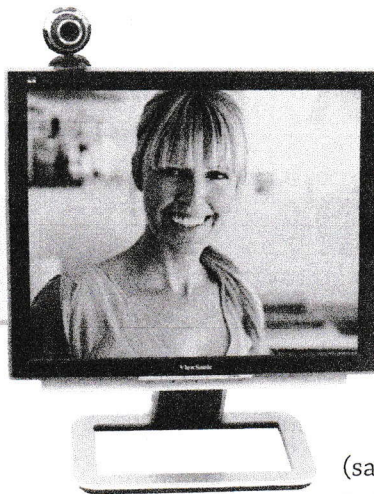
- 6 When I was a little girl, I've always spent my pocket money on sweets.
- 7 I went out with Paulo for two years now, and we're still crazy about each other.
- 8 I can't decide what to buy my brother for his birthday. Perhaps I'm going to get him a new shirt.
- 9 A one-day strike has called by French air traffic control for this Friday.
- 10 The teacher said that Megan had been working hard and was deserved to pass all her exams.

3 Using the correct tense

Read the Skype conversation between Nicola in Australia and her parents in Britain. Put the verbs into the correct tense.

SKYPING THE FOLKS

- N** Hello! Dad, I ¹ _____ (look) at the top of your head at the moment! Reposition the camera so I can see your face.
- D** Sorry, I just ² _____ (not understand) this technology. I ³ _____ only just _____ (learn) how to text! Oh my! I can't believe it. I can see you on my computer screen Nicola! I ⁴ _____ (call) your mum. Jackie, come here quick!
- N** Dad, you're so funny. I ⁵ _____ (do) this for ages with my friends. It's so good to see your face. I ⁶ _____ (not see) you for so long!
- D** How are the children? They look so grown up in those photos you ⁷ _____ (email) us.
- N** They're fine. Ollie ⁸ _____ (study) for his Year 12 Certificate. He hopes he ⁹ _____ (accept) at the University of Melbourne next year. Becky ¹⁰ _____ (choose) to play for her university netball team – she's so pleased. Anyway, how are you and Mum? Where is she? I want to speak to her.
- D** She ¹¹ _____ (get) a bit deaf. I ¹² _____ (shout) louder. Jackie, come here! It's Nicola. Anyway, where was I? We're both fine. We ¹³ _____ (go) on holiday last month but we just ¹⁴ _____ (stay) at a cheap bed and breakfast



_____ in Brighton to get some sea air. We ¹⁵ _____ (save) hard at the moment to come and see you at Christmas. I ¹⁶ _____ (not realize) how expensive flights are. At last! Here's your mum. Jackie, what ¹⁷ _____ you _____ (do)?

M Sorry, I ¹⁸ _____ (not hear) you. Oh my! It's our Nicola on the computer, as clear as can be. Hi, darling! I wish I could give you a big hug.

N Me too, Mum. Not long now before you and Dad ¹⁹ _____ (be) here. At least now we can see each other. Now you know what to do, we can Skype every weekend.

M Lovely, we ²⁰ _____ (look forward to) that. Anyway, tell us how you are, darling ...



Listen and check.

Passives

4 Active or passive?

1 These active sentences can sound unnatural. Rewrite them using the passive.

1 They built our house in the 17th century.

_____.

2 Someone's decorating my flat at the moment.

_____.

3 Has someone fixed the coffee machine yet?

_____?

4 We ate in restaurants while they were building the new kitchen.

While the new kitchen _____

_____.

5 When we went up to our hotel room, we found that someone hadn't cleaned it.

_____.

6 They won't recognize her in those dark glasses.

She _____.

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense and form, active or passive.

1 The burglars _____ (catch) as they _____ (leave) the office.

2 The postbox _____ always _____ (empty) at 12 noon.

3 Her neighbours _____ (grant) permission to build a huge extension.

4 We _____ (drive) down a quiet country lane when suddenly we _____ (overtake) by a police car.

5 When I woke up this morning, the world looked magical. It _____ (snow) all night.

6 When you _____ (arrive) in New York, you _____ (pick up) by one of our drivers and taken to the conference centre.